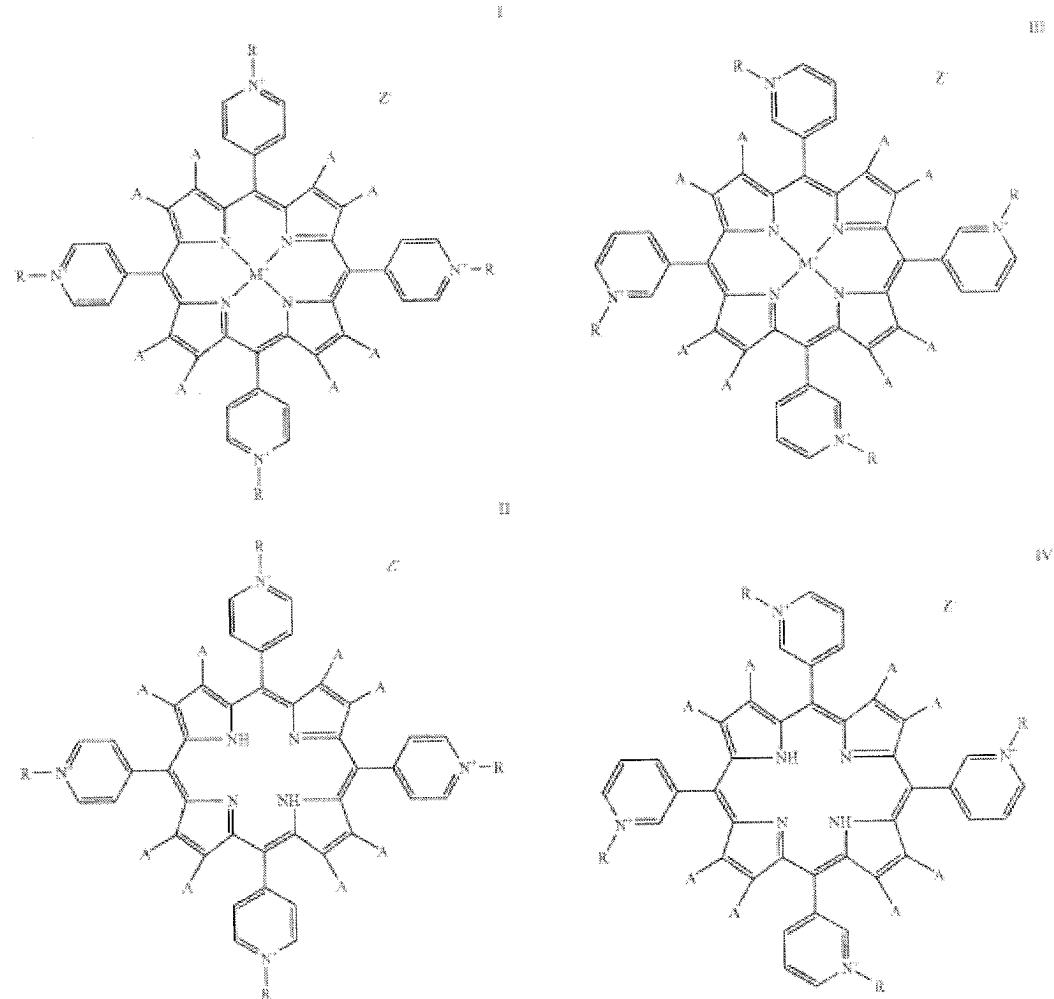


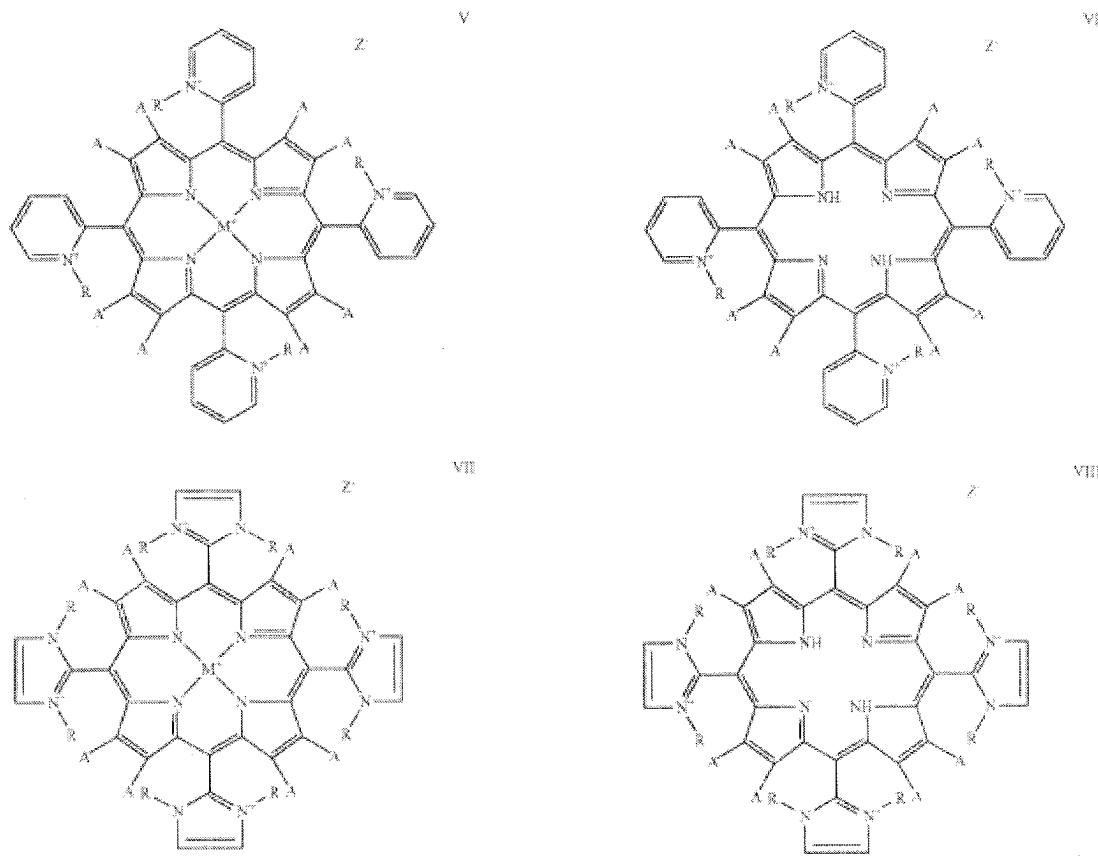
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A compound of the formula





when the compound of Formula I-VI, each R is, independently, $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$ or $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$,

wherein

m is 1-6,

n is 3-50,

X is C₁₋₁₂alkyl (straight chain or branched),

when the compound is of Formula VII or VIII, at least one R on each imidazole ring is, independently, $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$ or $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$, the other R being, independently, a C₂-C₁₂alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

wherein

m is 1-6,

n is 3-50,

X is C₂-C₁₂alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

when the compound is any of Formulas I-VIII, each A is, independently, hydrogen or an electron withdrawing group,

M is metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel and zinc, and

Z^- is a counterion.

2 (original). The compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one A is halogen, NO_2 or CHO .

3 (original). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is for Formula I, III, V or VII and M is manganese.

4 (original). The compound according to claim 1 where said compound is of Formula V, VI, VII or VIII.

5-14 (cancelled)

15 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula I.

16 (new). The compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one A is halogen.

17 (new). The compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one A is NO_2 .

18 (new). The compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one A is CHO .

19 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula II.

20 (new). The compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one A is halogen.

21 (new). The compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one A is NO_2 .

22 (new). The compound according to claim 17, wherein at least one A is CHO.

23 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula III.

24 (new). The compound according to claim 21, wherein at least one A is halogen.

25 (new). The compound according to claim 21, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

26 (new). The compound according to claim 21, wherein at least one A is CHO.

27 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula IV.

28 (new). The compound according to claim 25, wherein at least one A is halogen.

29 (new). The compound according to claim 25, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

30 (new). The compound according to claim 25, wherein at least one A is CHO.

31 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula V.

32 (new). The compound according to claim 29, wherein at least one A is halogen.

33 (new). The compound according to claim 29, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

34 (new). The compound according to claim 29, wherein at least one A is CHO.

35 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VI.

36 (new). The compound according to claim 33, wherein at least one A is halogen.

37 (new). The compound according to claim 33, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

38 (new). The compound according to claim 33, wherein at least one A is CHO.

39 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VII.

40 (new). The compound according to claim 37, wherein at least one A is halogen.

41 (new). The compound according to claim 37, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

42 (new). The compound according to claim 37, wherein at least one A is CHO.

43 (new). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VIII.

44 (new). The compound according to claim 38, wherein at least one A is halogen.

45 (new). The compound according to claim 38, wherein at least one A is NO₂.

46 (new). The compound according to claim 38, wherein at least one A is CHO.